(a) whether there is a general complaint that the majority of Panchayat wells contain no water in the summer months;

(b) how many Panchayat wells there are in the Atat, Killannur and Kolazhi villages;

(c) in how many of these wells there was water at all last summer?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) There is no such complaint.

(b)	Atat	1
	Killannur	2
	Kolazhi	2

(c) There was water in all the wells except in one in Killannur village.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Was there water in the wells for all the months of the year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There may not be plenty of water; but the requirements of the people could be met.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Was there a drop of water in the well at Atat in the month of Dhanu last?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—As far as my information goes there was water.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I have seen that well with my own eyes. There was not a drop of water in it. I would request the Government that the wells should contain water and it is no use of having wells alone.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there water in the well at Vannamadai?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Public tank for Avanoor and Thangaloor Villages.

251. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any public tank worth the name in the contiguous villages of Avanoor and Thangaloor;

(b) whether the inhabitants of those villages and the Panchayatdars of the place have not petitioned the Registrar of Panchayats for a tank at "Vellachall;"

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(c) did not the Panchayat Department even sanction a sum of Rs. 500 for the purpose at one time;

(d) was anything done since then; if not, why not ;

(e) whether the work of the said tank would be taken up and completed in 1111?

Dr. E. R. S. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) No.

(e) The question of providing a tank will be considered according to the availability of funds.

Panchayat well—prevention of taking water from.

252. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petition from one Kuttan Sankaran Achari complaining that he is prevented from drawing water from a Panchayat well near his house; and

(2) what action they have taken on it?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The well in question has been thrown open to all castes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was this well ever opened to the public? Does it mean that it has been recently opened to all?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was recently opened to all.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it ever closed?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was closed for a few months.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why? Is it not a Panchayat well?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There were complaints from certain quarters for throwing it open to all. Now final orders have been passed for throwing it open to all classes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is it recently thrown open to all people or from the beginning was it open to all?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was opened to all classes from the beginning. There were some petitions against it. Those

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